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Hope Exchange

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**Strengthening children's literacy through the exchange of knowledge and support among families and the East Nashville community to affirm the right to read for all.**

## Letter from the Board President

Annie Youngblood

2022 brought challenges and much success, and ultimately was a testament to the kind of enduring support this program has received for almost 20 years. Most importantly, our students yet again demonstrated significant improvements in reading levels, with 97 percent of enrolled students either improving or maintaining their literacy levels. These gains are more important than ever as we work to fight the learning loss driven largely by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Out of the 65 students who enrolled in the summer program, 60 completed with a pre- and post- assessment, with many jumping multiple levels of reading by the end of the program. This all occurred during a change in leadership. Dr. Ameshica Linsey transitioned out of her role as Executive Director, which she held for nearly 5 years. We are so grateful to her for her commitment to this important cause.

As a result of the change, the board voted to add a one-time position to facilitate the Summer program, with long-time ENHE staff member Sha Howard taking on the role of site director. As a result of her work, along with the myriad volunteers and our incredible staff, the program was delivered seamlessly to our students and their families.

We were very fortunate to welcome this Fall our new Executive Director, Nikki Walker. Nikki's impact has been felt in so many ways and her work is ensuring that the dollars you help us raise are put to good work. Just a month after joining us, Nikki organized and hosted a second fundraiser. In fact, we ended 2022 with record individual donations in support of our 100 in 2023 campaign. We hired a full-time program coordinator, and are piloting an after school tutoring program hosted within area schools. And, as I write this, we are already approaching our 2022 enrollment numbers. We are confident we will serve 100 students in 2023 as we continue to fight the impact of COVID-related learning loss.

Thank you for your support, for your time, and for your dollars. Childhood literacy is a leading indicator of what our community will look like in the future. With your help, that future is bright.

Sincerely,

**Programs at a Glance**  
East Nashville Hope Exchange serves children in elementary schools in the Stratford and Maplewood clusters through:

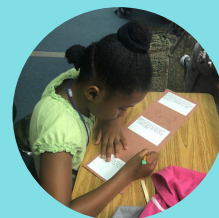
### Summer Program

Six-week intensive full-day program built around literacy and community involvement.



### School Year Program

Includes whole families in monthly workshops, continued literacy support, and community resource assistance.



### Tutoring

Literacy focused tutoring provided during evening programs.



### Book Libraries

Students receive free books to take home to build their own personal libraries.

## SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Under the guidance of certified teachers, students explored the theme: “My family, My Community, My World,” through project-based learning.

Many Special Guests joined ENHE to share their areas of expertise with the students on site.

Guest Readers:

This year we welcomed 50 community based guest readers that we integrated with thematic instruction. Students learned about their guests beforehand, considered how their essential questions related to the guests, and reflected on their guest readers in morning meeting and journal writing. 26 of the 50 Guest Readers were minority role models (52%) and the remaining 24 (48%) were Caucasian.

This year, we had a wonderful line-up of readers. Our guest readers included attorneys, doctors, professors, a real estate agent, government officials/politicians, authors,



business leaders, a weatherman, engineers, a financial advisor, an accountant, a priest, a teacher, a school principal, sports figures, an editor, an electrician, restaurant owners, and students and parents.

Humanities Guests: Mr. Bond and The Science Guys, Bringing Books to Life, & Art with Ms. Alicia

Outside the Classroom: Reptil-Gurl Mobile Reptile and Insect Petting Zoo, ENHE Lemonade Stand & Weekly Water Play

Guest Artists & Presenters: Zac & Dorinda Walker Dance, Ms. Lynn, Mr. Tyree, Ms. Starr, Emily Allison, Dr. Joseph Taylor & One Tough Cookie

Field Trips: Students took field trips to expand on their weekly sub-themes: a tour of the Tennessee Agricultural Museum; running their own Lemonade Stand; Global Education Center (for Indian Classical Dance and Latin Drumming); and the National Museum of African American Music.

**“Thank you so much for helping my kids this summer. It has helped them read more and I have learned ways to help them do better and be successful— to help them believe that they are the future.” - ENHE Parent**

## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Summer Program**

65 students enrolled at two locations. 60 students completed the program with both pre- and post-assessment.

97% of students either maintained their current level or showed gains in at least 3 areas of literacy assessment.

Every student took home at least one book each day of the program for a total of at least 29 books per student.

**Whole-Family Support**

93% of families reported they are better able to help their children learn to read as result of participation in East Nashville Hope Exchange

96% of families attended at least one family engagement event in the summer.

89% of families regularly read with children & logged their minutes.





**“My child is a better reader because of this program.” -ENHE Parent**

## ENROLLMENT & PARTICIPATION

### Student Enrollment Data:

- Students on Free/Reduced lunch: 56 of 60 (93%)
- African-American: 53 (88%); Caucasian: 6 (10%)
- Hispanic: 1 (2%)
- Male students: 22 (37%); Female students: 38 (63%)

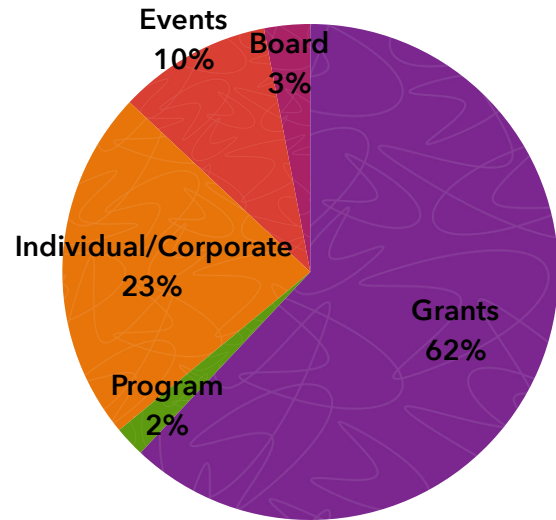
### Family Participation:

- Families attended weekly engagement workshops with family meals during the Summer Program.
- Parents/Caregivers active in the program: 44 families had 80 adults who regularly participated in the Summer Program.
- During the School Year Program, monthly Family Workshops presented a reading skills instruction/practice and introduced a strengths-based exchange of ideas on developing the 40 Building Blocks of Healthy Development as outlined by the Search Institute in The Developmental Assets®.

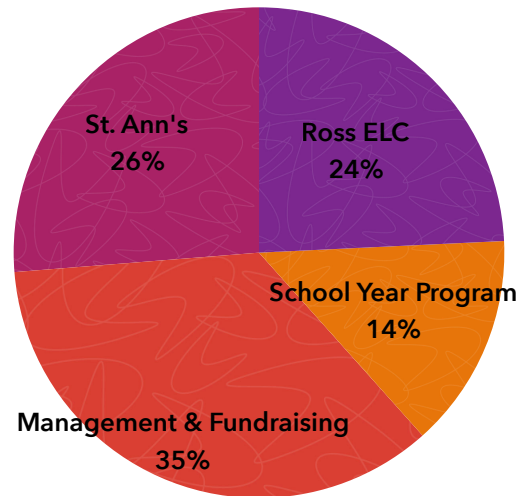
### Volunteer Participation:

Volunteers are an essential part of the ENHE program, serving as Guest Readers, Reading Buddies, and Family Engagement food helpers. Recruiting volunteers and training them on a daily basis is an ongoing process. Not including extensive board support, volunteers logged thousands of hours this year, especially during the summer totaling 1,453 hours.

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**Total Income: \$210,840**



**Total Expense: \$193,148**

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